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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 ASHLEY DEAN HEAVEN,
11 Plaintiff,

12 v.
13 BOEING COMMERCIAL AIRPLANES,
14 Defendant.

Case No. 2:21-cv-01047-RAJ

ORDER DENYING
MOTION TO SEAL

15 This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff's motion to seal. Dkt. # 3.
16 Plaintiff requests that the Court seal the case entirely.

17 "Historically, courts have recognized a 'general right to inspect and copy public
18 records and documents, including judicial records and documents.'" *Kamakana v. City &*
Cnty. of Honolulu, 447 F.3d 1172, 1178 (9th Cir. 2006) (quoting *Nixon v. Warner*
Commc'ns, Inc., 435 U.S. 589, 597 & n.7 (1978)). Accordingly, when considering a
21 sealing request, "a strong presumption in favor of access is the starting point." *Id.*
22 (internal quotation marks omitted).

23 Generally, two standards govern the sealing of court records. *Pintos v. Pac.*
24 *Creditors Ass'n*, 605 F.3d 665, 678 (9th Cir. 2010). A "compelling reasons" standard
25 applies to most judicial records, including those attached to dispositive motions. *Id.*; see
26 also *Kamakana*, 447 F.3d at 1179. On the other hand, a "good cause" standard applies to
27 nondispositive motions. *Pintos*, 605 F.3d at 678.

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1 Plaintiff's sealing motion, measuring just one sentence long, does not attempt to
2 meet either the compelling reasons or good cause standard. And, on this record, the
3 Court finds no reason to seal the court records under either.

4 For the reasons stated above, the Court **DENIES** Plaintiff's motion to seal.
5 Dkt. # 3. The Clerk is directed to unseal the docket in this matter.

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7 DATED this 8th day of December, 2021.

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10 The Honorable Richard A. Jones
11 United States District Judge

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